HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249J.24, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 92, "IowaCare," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment streamlines procedural requirements for applying for the IowaCare program by requiring Form 470-4194, IowaCare Premium Agreement, only when the applicant:

- Used a Medicaid application other than the IowaCare application or renewal application, and
- Has sufficient income to be required to pay a premium (over 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines).

Only 10 percent of IowaCare members have income high enough to pay premiums. The IowaCare application forms include the explanation of premiums and the agreement to pay premiums. Only a person who originally applied for Medicaid but was referred to IowaCare due to higher income or lack of categorical eligibility needs to acknowledge this requirement separately.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before December 6, 2011. Comments should be directed to Mary Ellen Imlau, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by E-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations because it eliminates a requirement for the persons affected.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 249J.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 92.3(1) as follows:

92.3(1) An application for IowaCare may also be submitted on Comm. 239, IowaCare Application, or Form 470-4364, IowaCare Renewal Application. An applicant who submits an application on another form allowed under 441—76.1(249A) and has income over 150 percent of the federal poverty level shall also sign Form 470-4194, IowaCare Premium Agreement, and submit it within ten days of the department's request.